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18th March.

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Acreford

Feb 7 1850

My dear friend

For the last three or four weeks I have been so much occupied with the naming and distributing of our first package from Carà that I have not had time to look much into the matter you mention in your letter of the 2nd inst, but I do not wish to let the present month leave without assuring you how glad we shall be to see you and Mr. Gray here. As you talk of seeing Scotland in the summer you will probably like to attend the meeting of the British Association at Edinburgh in the middle of August. If you would like to come here as soon as convenient after that is over we would go through the

Exploring Expedition plants together
and I have no doubt soon name
those which do not require much
examination and research. The
Sandwich Island flora will require
more study. There is much that is
new in our herbaria especially in
the British Museum where the
collections of Menzies, Nelson and
others are very extensive & have
a nearly complete set of Douglas,
and Mirra's - and we could put the
plants into some kind of arrangement
so as to give you less trouble in
working them up in London. You
had better on landing at Liverpool
have your packages put down
here and after you touch town
make arrangements for giving us
a few weeks.

On receiving your letter I
wrote immediately to Messrs
Witmer & Smith Liverpool about

the box of plants you kindly send
me but have as yet heard nothing
from them or of the plants.

You should endeavour to
leave home in June if possible
in order to have all July in the
North. I only hope you will
have fine weather but our
island is apt to be very pluviose
in other months but the present
one which I believe the French
wiseacres so distinguished.

Yours very sincerely
George Donnan